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SIR:

This letter is in response to the Office action of March 7, 2002, in which an election of a Group of claims for prosecution on the merits was requested.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1 and 3-17, directed toward molecular adjuvant constructs, for further prosecution in the present application. The claims of Group I were previously allowed as delineated in Paper No. 19 dated July 12, 2001. Applicants, accordingly, request an immediate allowance Group I claims.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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